

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

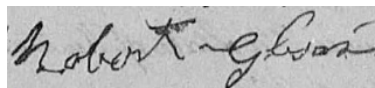
Pension Application of Robert Gibson W8851 Sinah Gibson VA
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State of Kentucky }
Mason County } Sct.

On this Eleventh day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven personally appeared before me Walker Reed now the Presiding Judge of the 1st Judicial district for the Circuit Courts holden in the State of Kentucky and for the County of Mason Robert Gibson a resident of said State and County aged in his eightaty eight year who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress pased June 7th 1832

That he entered the service in the army of the United States in the month of October in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia Fauquire County under Col. William Edmonds and Capt. James Bell and after serving in said regiment some months I was transfered under the command of Col. Frank Triplett's [Francis Triplett's] Regiment where I served untill I was again Tranfered into Col. Martin Picketts Regiment and after a service in his regiment I was again Transferred into Col. Elias Edmond's Regiment. My Captain in Elias Edmonds Regiment was Capt. Charles Chilton or Shelton and I continued in the service from the day of my going in as above stated untill the taking or surrender of Lord Cornwallace at Little york [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] as a Corporal in the Infantry of State Troops [see endnote] which office I held three years or more I could state much of my services some years since but my extreme old age and Decline in life has much impaired my memory and my statements as above are freshest to my memory I was Discharged but I never Got a certificate of Discharge nor did I ever want any at that time I always thought the pay we got the continental money was discharge enough for me I fought for Liberty I Got that I was Glad when the war was ended for I served my country five long years fighting for the liberty we now enjoy

I am am very old and very Infirm and I know of no person by whom I can produce any Testimony or who can testify to my services nor have I any Documentary evidence in my possession All such papers are long since distroyed I further state I did refuse to make my application for a pension untill now but owing to circumstances I now make this my Application I was formerly of the opinion it was Dishonorable to apply to Government for a pension but as before stated circumstances urges me to do so. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state of if any only on that of the agency of the state of



Interrogatories put

Where and in what year were you Born

Ans I was born in the State of Virginia near Richmond in the year 1760 – Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Ans I have not nor ever have had any Bible record but have a perfect knowledge on my mind as well as from circumstances of the most lasting impressions which can never be forgotten

Where were you living when caled into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Ans When Caled into service I lived in the State of Virginia and in Fauquire County where I lived a number of years after the war I then moved to the State of Kentucky Mason County where I now live}

How were you caled into service were you drafted did volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

Ans I went into the army by Draught.

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect and the General circumstances of your service

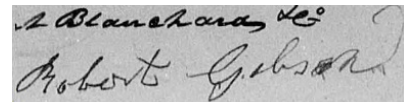
Ans I have already in my application given the names of the officers who commanded me and whose names are most Familiar and best known Col Thomas Martial [sic: Thomas Marshall] Col Dan'l. Morgan [Daniel Morgan] Capt. Thomas Young [pension application S11921] I was in the same regiment with Capt. Young Part of the time

Did you ever receive a Discharge from the service and if so by whom was it Given or signed and what has become of it

Ans I never got a discharge it was not [illegible word] I did not at that time want it I was glad to get out of the army after a service of five years.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

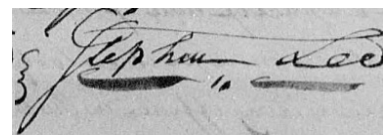
Ans I will named the Hon'r. n Govoner[?] John Chambers Col. Marshall Key Judge Walker Reed William Tureman Francis T Hord Esq'r Maj'r Robert Blanchard &c.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Gibson". Above the signature, there is a faint, partially legible name "Blanchard" with a superscript "d" and "Co".

Commonwealth of Kentucky } [16 Oct 1847]

Mason County } Sgt. Personally appeared before me one of the justices of the Peace

in and for said County and State Col. Stephen Lee and first being duly sworn according to Law States that he is upwards of Sixty years of age and that he has been acquainted with Old Robert Gibson of this County who is now about to apply to Government for a pension for a space of time of more than forty five years and Deponant recollects more particularly from the facts that deponant was a recruiting officer in the City of Maysville from the commencement of the late war of 1812 At which time or date Deponant had Various and frequent conversations with Robert Gibson upon the subject of his services in the revolutionary war Deponant also states that after recruiting his company he went into the service under Gen'l. William H. Harrison and served in the army in the years 1812 - 13 & 14 and after returning home he again had conversations with Old Robert Gibson the applicant in which he told of his long services and hardships when in the revolutionary war as a Corporal in the Infantry and in the Virginia State line Deponant further states that it is Generally believed in the county and neighborhood where Gibson lives that he was a soldier in the army of the revolution as he is a man of the most respectable character for truth and veracity And Deponant further states he has no more doubt but that Gison did perform the services and under the officers as sett forth in his application [than] I have of any fact which I have no personal knowledge off or that I personally knew at the time myself Deponant further states that since the passage of the pension Laws he Gibson has been solicited to make his application for a pension times and again but he has as often refused untill now from the fact that he was prejudiced in the opinion that it would be dishonorable to him to his standing and his character would be stained by a kind of begging which prejudice his better name He now waves that prejudice Deponant further states Robert Gibson this old revolutionary soldier and applicant for a pension is a very old man his head bending half to the floor and Deponant is clearly of the opinion he must be near ninety years of age I further state that the knowledge I have of Robt Gibson and the General opinion of the neighborhood where he resides is that he was a soldier in the war of the revolution and that he served as stated in his application a term of service of more than five years

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen Lee".

[The following is in [bounty-land records of the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do Certify that Robert Gibson Enlisted in my Company of Regular Troops as a Corporal the fifteenth day of Jany. 1777 for the Term of three years and Seved his time as a faithful soldier.

[signed] Henry Garnett [R14340] Capt. [illegible] R't/ June 5th 1783

NOTES:

All the officers named in the body of Gibson's application were in the Fauquier County Militia, not in the state troops as stated. Thomas Young, mentioned in the interrogatories, was, however, in Col. Joseph Crockett's Western Battalion of Virginia State Forces. Capt. Henry Garnett was in the Virginia State Garrison Regiment.

On 18 Oct 1847 Caleb White, 53, stated that "he had been present when Cap'n. Young and Corporal Gibson were in full humor in telling of their these services and being together in that day of the wars of the revolution fighting for liberty," and that Gibson's "head when walking not more than half his hight from the floor." The file includes many other statements in support of Gibson's application.

On 7 May 1849 Sinah Gibson, 74, applied for a pension stating that she married Robert Gibson in Fauquier County on 8 Dec 1790, and he died on 27 Feb 1848. The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 7 Dec 1790 by Robert Gibson and Edward Rogers for the marriage of Gibson to Sinah Newby. On 20 March 1855 Sinah Gibson residing in Maysville KY applied for bounty land from the federal government. On 30 Dec 1874 Lucy Willett signed a power of attorney to obtain any pension still owed to her parents, Robert and Sinah Gibson; witnessed by James F. Willett.